

Iraqis Have Evidence U.S. Arms Islamic State Terrorists

Iraqi PM says he will release documents soon

Qasim al-Araji, the head of the Badr Organization in Iraq, told parliament on Thursday he has evidence the U.S. is arming the Islamic Army, according to a report carried by the Arabic language Almasalah.

The Badr Organization was previously known as the Badr Brigades, the military wing of the Iran-based Shia Islamic party, Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

Iranian media and other sources have claimed on at least two occasions U.S. military aircraft dropped weapons in areas held by the Islamic State.

“The Iraqi intelligence sources reiterated that the US military planes have airdropped several aid cargoes for ISIL terrorists to help them resist the siege laid by the Iraqi army, security and popular forces,” Iraqi intelligence claimed in December.

“What is important is that the US sends these weapons to only those that cooperate with the Pentagon and this indicates that the US plays a role in arming the ISIL.”

In January Iraqi MP Majid al-Ghraoui said American aircraft delivered weapons and equipment to ISIS southeast of Tikrit, located in Salahuddin province.

The London-based organization Conflict Armament Research previously reported that ISIS fighters are using “significant quantities” of arms including M16 assault rifles marked “property of the US government.”

In June Aaron Klein, writing for WorldNetDaily, reported that members of ISIS were trained in 2012 by U.S. instructors working at a secret base in Jordan, according to informed Jordanian officials.

Kentucky Senator Rand Paul said last year ISIS was able to capture large areas of Iraq due to arms transfers from “moderates” in Syria fighting a proxy war against the government of Bashar al-Assad.

“I think we have to understand first how we got here,” he told CNN. “I think one of the reasons why ISIS has been emboldened is because we have been arming their allies. We have been allied with ISIS in Syria.”

“We have been fighting alongside al Qaeda, fighting alongside ISIS,” he said.

A number of “moderate” rebel groups in Syria have pledged allegiance to ISIS over the last few months.

“We are collaborating with the Islamic State and the Nusra Front by attacking the Syrian Army’s gatherings in ... Qalamoun,” Bassel Idriss, commander of an FSA-run rebel brigade, told Lebanon’s Daily Star last September.

“Let’s face it: The Nusra Front is the biggest power present right now in Qalamoun and we as FSA would collaborate on any mission they launch as long as it coincides with our values.”

The al-Nusra Front is an al-Qaeda affiliate operating in Syria and Lebanon. In June the group merged with ISIS.

In April of 2014 Jamal Maarouf, the leader of the Syrian Revolutionary Front, told The Independent the fight against al-Qaeda was “not our problem” and admitted the mercenaries he leads with U.S., Saudi and Qatari help conduct joint operations with al-Nusra.

Maarouf said if “the people who support us U.S., Saudis, Qataris tell us to send weapons to another group, we send them.”